EXHIBIT A. VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

Please amend claims 1, 2 and 15 as follows:

1. (Amended) A compound, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, having the following formula I:

$$H_2N$$
 $NH(CH_2)\pi$ $COOR$

wherein n is [an integer from 0-1] $\underline{0}$ or $\underline{1}$, and R is [elected] selected from the group consisting of [hydrogen,] C_{1-10} alkyl, C_{1-10} aryl and

and wherein when n is 0, R is not
$$C_{1-10}$$
 aryl.

2. (Amended) The compound of claim 1, which has the following formula II:

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

15. (Amended) The method of claim 5, which further comprises a step of [diagnosing or pragnosing] <u>diagnosis or prognosis of H. pylori</u> infection in the subject.